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1. (Previously Presented) A method of securing a tube to another component, the method comprising providing the said another component with an opening, passage or recess having a region of generally tapering form with a predetermined cone angle, introducing the tube into the opening, passage or recess, positioning a clamping member within the tube, the clamping member having a generally frustoconical form with a predetermined cone angle which is approximately the same as the opening, passage or recess cone angle, and securing the clamping member to the said another component to clamp the tube between the clamping member and the said another component.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the tube is of a ductile material.
4. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the tube is of a plastics material.
5. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the tube is shaped to include an end region of tapering form prior to the introduction of the tube into the opening, passage or recess.
6. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the action of introducing deforms part of the tube to conform generally, with the tapering shape of the opening, passage or recess.

7. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the clamping member is provided with a single, centrally disposed screw-threaded passage extending from the lower surface thereof, a single screw-threaded bolt being used to secure the clamping member to the said another component, the screw-threaded bolt extending through a single, centrally disposed opening formed in the said another component and into the screw-threaded passage.
8. (Previously Presented) A post arrangement comprising a tube, an end of which extends into an opening, passage or recess provided in a base, the opening, passage or recess being of generally tapering form with a predetermined cone angle, a clamping member being located at least partly within the tube, the clamping member having a generally frustoconical form with a predetermined cone angle which is approximately the same as the opening, passage or recess cone angle, the clamping member being secured to the base to clamp the tube between the clamping member and the base.
9. (Original) A post arrangement according to Claim 8, wherein the tube is of plastics construction.
10. (Canceled)
11. (Canceled).
12. (Previously Presented) A post arrangement according to Claim 8, wherein the clamping member is arranged to be secured to the base by means of a screw-threaded coupling.

13. (Previously Presented) A post arrangement according to Claim 8, wherein the post is arranged to carry part of a queue management system.
14. (Previously Presented) A post arrangement comprising a tube, an end of which extends into an opening, passage or recess provided in a housing forming part of a queue management system, the opening, passage or recess being of generally tapering form with a predetermined cone angle, a clamping member being located within the tube, the clamping member having a generally frustoconical form with a predetermined cone angle which is approximately the same as the opening, passage or recess cone angle, the clamping member being secured to the housing to clamp the tube between the clamping member and the housing.
15. (Previously Presented) A connection arrangement comprising a first component of tubular form, a second component having an opening, passage or recess of tapering form formed therein with a predetermined cone angle, and a clamping member having a generally frustoconical form with a predetermined cone angle which is approximately the same as the opening, passage or recess cone angle, a part of the first component being located within the opening, passage or recess of the second component, the clamping member being located at least partly within the first component and secured to the second component to clamp the first component between the second component and the clamping member.
16. (Previously Presented) A post arrangement according to claim 8 wherein the tube has a tube wall of uniform thickness.

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**I PROPOSE TO CANCEL CLAIMS 1-16 AND SUBMIT THE
FOLLOWING NEW CLAIMS**

17. (New) A post comprising:

- a. a base having a bottom surface adapted for contact with a floor and a top surface, the base having a mounting opening in the top surface, the opening having a tapered configuration with a predetermined depth and an inside surface with an inside dimension which increases from a low dimension at its bottom to a higher dimension at its top;**
- b. a tube adapted for mounting in the base, the tube having a predetermined length with a bottom end for placement in the base opening, the tube bottom end being constructed of a wall with an outside surface and inside surface defining a hollow interior, the bottom end having a tapered configuration with inside and outside dimensions that decrease towards the bottom, the outside dimension of the bottom end being substantially equivalent to the inside dimension of the opening of the base whereby the outside surface of the bottom end engages the inside surface of the opening; and**
- c. clamping member adapted for placement in and engaging the hollow interior of the tube at the bottom end thereof, the clamping member having a tapered configuration with a predetermined length with an outside dimension that is substantially equivalent to the inside dimension of the tube, whereby the clamping member outside surface engages the inside surface of the hollow interior of the tube bottom end to mount the tube to the base.**

18. (New) The post of claim 17 wherein the configuration of the base opening, post bottom end and clamping member are frustoconical.

19. (New) The post of claim 17, wherein the base further has a boss extending upwardly from the top surface, the mounting opening being disposed in the boss.

20. (New) The post of claim 17, further comprising a fastener connecting the clamping member to the base.

21. (New) The post of claim 20, wherein the fastener is a bolt having a head contacting the base and a threaded end extending upwardly to engage a complementary threaded aperture in the clamping member.

22. (New) The post of claim 20, wherein the fastener is a bolt has a head contacting the clamping member and a threaded end extending downwardly to engage a complementary threaded aperture in the base.

23. (New) The post of claim 17, wherein the post is part of a queue management system, the post extending upwardly from the base and having at least one retractable barrier element connected to it.